

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of the claims and their status as of this Amendment is as follows:

- 1.(Currently amended) A vendable, packaged non-beverage food product, comprising:
- a cylindrical container sized and shaped for being dispensable from those pathways of a vending machine structured to vend cylindrically-containerized ~~single-serving sized~~ beverages, said cylindrical container ~~having~~ being structured with a main container portion that comprises a majority of the dimension of the cylindrical container and is sized to receive a sandwich-like product, said main container portion being defined by a non-beverage food product-enclosing cylindrical portion[,] and a top and a bottom conjointly formed with said ~~non-beverage food-product-enclosing cylindrical~~ portion to provide a unitarily sealed enclosure and having an opening mechanism for breaching the unitarily sealed enclosure to provide access to the interior of said ~~non-beverage food-product-enclosing main container~~ portion; and
- a sandwich-like product contained within said ~~sealed enclosure~~ main container portion of said cylindrical container and being formed with a shape and dimension conforming to the shape and dimension of said ~~vendable~~ main container portion.

2.(Original) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 1 wherein said sandwich-like product further comprises a bread-like portion and filler material.

3.(Original) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 2 wherein said filler material is in contact with said bread-like portion.

4.(Original) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 1 wherein said sandwich-like product has a shelf-life of up to three years.

5.(Original) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 1 wherein said sandwich-like product is enclosed in a wrapper.

6.(Currently amended) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 1 wherein said cylindrical container is ~~divided into a first compartment and further structured with~~ a second compartment positioned concentrically with and adjacent to said main container portion and being of smaller dimension than said main container portion, ~~said sandwich-like product being contained in one of said first compartment or said second compartment, and the other compartment~~ having a food product-enclosing portion comprising a sealed enclosure containing a disparate, non-beverage food product.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

8.(Currently amended) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim 6 wherein said disparate, ~~non-beverage~~ food product is selected from the group consisting of savory snacks, chips, nuts, cookies, candy, yogurt, gelatinous desserts or dairy-containing desserts.

9.(Currently amended) The vendable, non-beverage food product of claim ~~4~~ 6 wherein said main container portion and said second compartment are ~~is further~~ comprised of separable compartments separably affixed together for dispensing unitarily, wherein each said separable compartment further comprises a food product-enclosing portion having a top and a bottom conjointly formed with said food-product-enclosing portion to provide a unitarily sealed enclosure and an opening mechanism for breaching the sealed enclosure to provide access to the interior of said food-product-enclosing portion, ~~and each said separable compartment of said container contains a disparate, non-beverage food product.~~

10.(Currently amended) A vendable packaged combination of food products, comprising:

a vendable cylindrical container sized and shaped for being dispensable from a vending machine structured to vend cylindrically-containerized beverages, said container having a non-beverage food product-enclosing cylindrical portion, a top and a bottom conjointly formed with said non-beverage food-product-enclosing cylindrical portion to provide a unitarily sealed enclosure and an opening mechanism for breaching the sealed enclosure to provide access to the interior of said non-beverage food product-enclosing portion; and
at least two disparate non-beverage food products contained within said container, one of which is a sandwich-like product that is sized to conform to a vendable main container portion of said unitarily sealed enclosure which comprises the greater portion of said cylindrical container.

11.(Original) The vendable combination of food products of claim 10 wherein said vendable container is comprised of separated compartments each sized to contain a disparate food product.

12.(Original) The vendable combination of food products of claim 11 wherein said vendable container comprises a single food product-enclosing portion which is separated into compartments by a movable partition member.

13.(Currently amended) The vendable combination of food products of claim 11 wherein said vendable cylindrical container comprises separable compartments, one said separable compartment being said main container portion which is larger in volume than said other separable compartment, each compartment comprising a food product-enclosing cylindrical portion, top and a bottom conjointly formed with said food-product-enclosing cylindrical portion to provide a unitarily sealed enclosure and an opening

mechanism for breaching the sealed enclosure to provide access to the interior of said compartment.

Claims 14 and 15 (Cancelled)

16.(Currently amended) The vendable combination of food products of claim 10 wherein at least one of said disparate food products is contained in said other separable compartment and is a snack food item consisting of savory snacks, chips, nuts, cookies, candy, yogurt, gelatinous desserts or dairy-containing desserts.

17.(Currently amended) The vendable combination of food products of claim 10 wherein at least one of said disparate food products is a beverage contained in said other separable compartment.

18.(Withdrawn) A method for dispensing a sandwich-like product from a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, comprising:
providing a vendable container sized and shaped for being dispensable from a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, said container having a food product-enclosing portion, a top, a bottom and an opening mechanism for accessing the interior of said food product-enclosing portion;
filling said vendable container with a sandwich-like product;
placing said vendable container filled with a sandwich-like product in a vending machine structured for vending containerized beverages; and
providing a selection mechanism by which a consumer may select for the vending from the machine of a vendable container filled with a sandwich-like product.

19.(Withdrawn) The method according to claim 18 wherein said vendable container is further structured with more than one compartment, each compartment

being separately structured to contain a disparate food product from that contained in another compartment.

20.(Withdrawn) A method for dispensing a combination of food products, contained in a vendable container, from a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, comprising:
providing a vendable container sized and shaped for being dispensable from a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, said container having a food product-enclosing portion, a top, a bottom and an opening mechanism for accessing the interior of said food product-enclosing portion;
filling said vendable container with at least two disparate food products;
placing said vendable container filled with said at least two disparate food products in a vending machine structured for vending containerized beverages; and
providing a selection mechanism by which a consumer may select for the vending from the machine of a vendable container filled with at least two disparate food products.

21.(Withdrawn) The method according to claim 20 wherein one of said at least two disparate food products is a sandwich-like product.

22.(Withdrawn) The method according to claim 20 wherein one of said at least two disparate food products is a beverage and another of said at least two disparate food products is a non-beverage.

23.(Currently amended) A vendable packaged combination of products, comprising:
a vendable container sized and shaped for being dispensable from those pathways of a vending machine structured to vend containerized beverages, said container

having a product-enclosing portion, a top, a bottom and an opening mechanism for providing access to the interior of said product-enclosing portion through other than said top or said bottom of said container for the intended consumption of the contents of the container, said product-enclosing portion being provided with two separated compartments for separately containing at least two consumer-selected products; and

at least two disparate, ~~ready-to-consume~~ consumer-selected products contained within said product-enclosing portion of said container, at least one of said disparate, ~~ready-to-consume~~ consumer-selected products being ~~either food products or consumer~~ a non-food products product ~~that are non-concealed and known to the selected by the purchaser for use or consumption by a consumer as a purposely purchased end product.~~

24.(Currently amended) The vendable combination of products as set forth in claim 23 wherein one of said at least two disparate products is a comestible product contained in a compartment that is separated from a compartment containing the other of said at least two disparate products.

Claim 25 (Cancelled)

26.(Previously presented) The vendable combination of products as set forth in claim 23 wherein said at least two disparate products are both non-comestible consumer products.

Claim 27 (Cancelled)

28.(New) A vendable, packaged sandwich-like food product, comprising:
a cylindrical container sized and shaped for being dispensable from those pathways of

a vending machine structured to vend cylindrically-containerized beverages, said cylindrical container being structured with a main container portion sized to receive a sandwich-like product and having a top and a bottom conjointly formed with a cylindrical portion to provide a unitarily sealed enclosure and having an opening mechanism for breaching the unitarily sealed enclosure to provide access to the interior of said unitarily sealed enclosure; and
a sandwich-like product contained within said main container portion of said cylindrical container, said sandwich-like product being formulated to have an extended shelf-life of up to three years and being packaged within said cylindrical container to maintain said extended shelf-life.